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The Honorable Barney Frank
United States House of Representatives
2252 Rayburn Building
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Dear Congressman Frank:

Family commitments preclude me from personally attending this reception in your honor but I nonetheless wanted to extend my congratulations to you on your selection by the National Textile Center for this recognition. I also wanted to thank the Operating Board of the NTC for their wisdom, vision, and good judgment in selecting you to receive this award.

Throughout your illustrious career, you have always been an unyielding ally of the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth as well as a steadfast advocate and staunch supporter of the Nation Textile Center. Although we in the SouthCoast like to think of you as our exclusive asset, we recognize that you are truly a national leader in the Congress. You speak and others listen; you lead and others follow.

As you know, each of our NTC member universities benefits enormously from the federal funding for textile related research. Our cutting-edge research agreements with our corporate partners converts the federal funding that you provide into an investment in the next generation of fibers, composite materials, and nanotechnology that will change and improve our world. Without your personal involvement, leadership, and dedication much of this would not be possible.

At UMass Dartmouth, the federal investment in NTC has spawned an exponential growth in collaborative ventures that link national and local textile industry leaders with our best and brightest faculty and students. I am certain that the same is true at each of the other NTC member universities.

In its recognition of your contributions, the Operating Board of the NTC acknowledges your diligent commitment to our nation and your outstanding Congressional leadership in support of creative initiatives that are investments in the future of this nation.

Please accept my deepest personal appreciation for all that you do for the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, for your constituents in the SouthCoast, and for the National Textile Center. Congratulations on this justly deserved recognition and award.

Most sincerely,


Jean F. MacCormack
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